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Application No. 10/628,556
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Amendments To The Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

In a second aspect of the present invention, a configuration for casing 32 is disclosed which provides further benefits to the very small turbofan. Referring to Figs. 4 and 5, the structure of the intermediate portion 46 of casing 32 will now be described in more detail. The intermediate portion 46 includes an outer ring 68 having a forward end 70 and a rearward end 71 integrated with the radially outwardly extending bypass duct flange 60. On the external surface of the outer ring 68 are provided stabilizing ribs 72, which reinforce the rigidity of the outer ring 68, and engine mounts 74 which also assist in this regard. A mounting support 82 on the outer ring 68 is provided for operatively supporting the AGB tower shaft (not shown), and to provide further stiffness to ring 68. Also provided on the outer ring 68 are attachment brackets 84 for attaching the AGB. Other services, such as oil tube inlet 83 and N1 probe boss ~~85~~ boss 85A, are also provided.